Crop	Production (Million Tonnes		Present increase in 2001-2002 (Over 2000-2001)%
	2000-2001	2001-2002	
Cereals	185.25	197.38	6.55
Pulses	10.67	13.79	29.24
Oilseeds	18.4	21.16	15.00
Cotton*	9.65	11.3	17.10
Sugarcane	299.21	289.41	(-)3.28

*Production in million bales of 170 kg. each.

The impact of increase in crop production in the overall economy is reflected in the increase of GDP growth rate to 5.4% in 2001-2002 as compared to 4.0% in the previous year.

Withdrawal of subsidies to farmers

3337. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been proposed to withdraw the subsidies being given to farmers on different items, in a phased manner;

(b) whether it is also a fact that developed nations like USA still offer substantial subsidies to their farmers; and

(c) whether the poor farmers would be able to survive in the existing competitive scenario, with farmers of rich countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The developed countries like USA adopt policies concerning subsidies in tune with their general economic policies and programmes which are compatible with the provisions of WTO Agreement.

(c) The interest of the farmers is uppermost with the Government and the Government adopts policies on subsidies and revises their norms from time to time keeping in view the general well being of the farmers, resource availability and international commitments.